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# First Steps SPOE Data Quarterly Report

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### Number of Referrals and IFSP Eligibility Rates by Month

SPOE	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Total	Avg. per Month
<b>Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	139	138	170	146	223	167	158	146	150	186	171	166	1,960	163.3
Referrals resulting in IFSP	63	63	80	68	103	66	78	64	78	100	79	74	916	76.3
% that went to IFSP	45.3%	45.7%	47.1%	46.6%	46.2%	39.5%	49.4%	43.8%	52.0%	53.8%	46.2%	44.6%	46.7%	
<b>St. Louis County (Reg. 2)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	214	187	215	212	274	232	240	214	196	237	239	211	2,671	222.6
Referrals resulting in IFSP	94	79	92	102	109	92	99	95	77	106	97	73	1,115	92.9
% that went to IFSP	43.9%	42.2%	42.8%	48.1%	39.8%	39.7%	41.3%	44.4%	39.3%	44.7%	40.6%	34.6%	41.7%	
<b>Northeast (Reg. 3)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	68	66	78	79	77	87	84	61	73	88	80	85	926	77.2
Referrals resulting in IFSP	29	31	41	40	24	33	28	26	25	29	27	17	350	29.2
% that went to IFSP	42.6%	47.0%	52.6%	50.6%	31.2%	37.9%	33.3%	42.6%	34.2%	33.0%	33.8%	20.0%	37.8%	
<b>Northwest (Reg. 4)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	141	90	89	133	127	141	124	122	121	131	129	125	1,473	122.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	63	35	41	59	44	65	45	56	55	54	65	52	634	52.8
% that went to IFSP	44.7%	38.9%	46.1%	44.4%	34.6%	46.1%	36.3%	45.9%	45.5%	41.2%	50.4%	41.6%	43.0%	
<b>Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	165	155	166	163	226	222	189	185	147	210	217	168	2,213	184.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	66	71	80	61	98	102	72	89	61	83	83	70	936	78.0
% that went to IFSP	40.0%	45.8%	48.2%	37.4%	43.4%	45.9%	38.1%	48.1%	41.5%	39.5%	38.2%	41.7%	42.3%	
<b>Central (Reg. 6)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	119	109	123	120	154	117	117	103	119	130	109	145	1,465	122.1
Referrals resulting in IFSP	36	40	46	38	68	50	46	36	52	58	50	47	567	47.3
% that went to IFSP	30.3%	36.7%	37.4%	31.7%	44.2%	42.7%	39.3%	35.0%	43.7%	44.6%	45.9%	32.4%	38.7%	
<b>Southwest (Reg. 7)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	63	54	66	79	111	82	73	82	64	77	86	59	896	74.7
Referrals resulting in IFSP	33	28	25	33	38	37	31	38	30	38	39	25	395	32.9
% that went to IFSP	52.4%	51.9%	37.9%	41.8%	34.2%	45.1%	42.5%	46.3%	46.9%	49.4%	45.3%	42.4%	44.1%	
<b>South Central (Reg. 8)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	128	122	141	131	143	158	146	130	108	139	145	139	1,630	135.8
Referrals resulting in IFSP	41	44	57	46	58	73	46	67	42	65	67	55	661	55.1
% that went to IFSP	32.0%	36.1%	40.4%	35.1%	40.6%	46.2%	31.5%	51.5%	38.9%	46.8%	46.2%	39.6%	40.6%	
<b>East Central (Reg. 9)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	110	101	111	109	162	145	129	107	111	165	147	120	1,517	126.4
Referrals resulting in IFSP	49	42	46	54	70	67	49	49	41	70	74	51	662	55.2
% that went to IFSP	44.5%	41.6%	41.4%	49.5%	43.2%	46.2%	38.0%	45.8%	36.9%	42.4%	50.3%	42.5%	43.6%	
<b>Southeast (Reg. 10)</b>														
Referrals by SPOE (last 12 months)	111	64	81	89	135	124	99	85	73	125	99	103	1,188	99.0
Referrals resulting in IFSP	41	20	34	29	53	45	28	35	32	50	38	40	445	37.1
% that went to IFSP	36.9%	31.3%	42.0%	32.6%	39.3%	36.3%	28.3%	41.2%	43.8%	40.0%	38.4%	38.8%	37.5%	
<b>Grand Total - Referrals by SPOE</b>	<b>1258</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1261</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>1475</b>	<b>1359</b>	<b>1235</b>	<b>1162</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1321</b>	<b>15,939</b>	<b>1328.3</b>
<b>Grand Total - Referral resulting in IFSP</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>6,681</b>	<b>556.8</b>
<b>% that went to IFSP</b>	<b>40.9%</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	<b>43.7%</b>	<b>42.0%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>42.7%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>42.4%</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>41.9%</b>	

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child  
IFSP counts are unduplicated

### Primary Referral Sources and IFSP Eligibility Rates Over Last 12 Months

SPOE	Medical Providers	Social Service Agencies	Early Childhood Programs	Parent
Greater St. Louis (Reg. 1)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	801	106	164	889
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	344	34	82	456
IFSP Rate	42.9%	32.1%	50.0%	51.3%
St. Louis County (Reg. 2)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,254	97	135	1,185
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	468	22	51	574
IFSP Rate	37.3%	22.7%	37.8%	48.4%
Northeast (Reg. 3)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	563	79	105	179
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	220	10	33	87
IFSP Rate	39.1%	12.7%	31.4%	48.6%
Northwest (Reg. 4)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	626	37	113	697
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	221	12	50	351
IFSP Rate	35.3%	32.4%	44.2%	50.4%
Greater Kansas City (Reg. 5)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	1,020	131	167	895
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	405	28	75	428
IFSP Rate	39.7%	21.4%	44.9%	47.8%
Central (Reg. 6)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	899	135	122	309
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	347	26	39	155
IFSP Rate	38.6%	19.3%	32.0%	50.2%
Southwest (Reg. 7)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	445	65	135	251
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	166	17	62	150
IFSP Rate	37.3%	26.2%	45.9%	59.8%
South Central (Reg. 8)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	790	195	197	448
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	316	39	86	220
IFSP Rate	40.0%	20.0%	43.7%	49.1%
East Central (Reg. 9)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	732	124	175	486
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	308	26	81	247
IFSP Rate	42.1%	21.0%	46.3%	50.8%
Southeast (Reg. 10)				
Primary Referral Sources (last 12 months)	599	190	1,448	264
Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	231	20	597	156
IFSP Rate	38.6%	10.5%	41.2%	59.1%
Grand Total - Primary Referrals (last 12 months)	7,729	1,159	1,448	5,603
Grand Total - Primary Referral Sources resulting in IFSP	3,026	234	597	2,824
<b>IFSP Rate for Each Referral Source</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>41.2%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>
% by Source - Statewide	48.5%	7.3%	9.1%	35.2%

Referrals exclude "Inquiry Only" referrals and include multiple referrals for the same child

IFSP counts are unduplicated

Medical Providers include Hospital (other than NICU), Physician (inc. Psych.), Other health care provider, Public Health Facilities/Providers, and NICU.

Social Service Agencies include DMH, DHSS, CAPTA, Homeless Family Shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters/Agencies, and Social Service Agency (inc Foster Care).

Early Childhood Programs include Parents as Teachers, Head Start/Early Head Start, Other LEA program, Child Care Program/Provider, and MSD/MSB.

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Program Eligibility

		Dev. Delay - Half Age	Dev. Delay - ICO*	Medical Condition/Medical Condition - ICO*	Very Low Birth Weight	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	645	103	237	133	1,118
	Percent	57.7%	9.2%	21.2%	11.9%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	817	133	274	153	1,377
	Percent	59.3%	9.7%	19.9%	11.1%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	244	17	129	55	445
	Percent	54.8%	3.8%	29.0%	12.4%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	498	19	145	63	725
	Percent	68.7%	2.6%	20.0%	8.7%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	760	16	244	136	1,156
	Percent	65.7%	1.4%	21.1%	11.8%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	458	35	193	69	755
	Percent	60.7%	4.6%	25.6%	9.1%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	331	32	63	46	472
	Percent	70.1%	6.8%	13.3%	9.7%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	533	99	163	80	875
	Percent	60.9%	11.3%	18.6%	9.1%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	512	33	190	106	841
	Percent	60.9%	3.9%	22.6%	12.6%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	376	11	113	59	559
	Percent	67.3%	2.0%	20.2%	10.6%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	5,174	498	1,751	900	8,323
	Percent	62.2%	6.0%	21.0%	10.8%	100.0%

\* Informed Clinical Opinion (ICO)

### Active Children with IFSPs by Primary Setting\*

		Home	Community Setting	Total Natural Environment Setting	Other**	Total
Greater St. Louis (Reg.1)	Number	1,037	66	1,103	6	1,109
	Percent	93.5%	6.0%	99.5%	0.5%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Reg.2)	Number	1,316	41	1,357	8	1,365
	Percent	96.4%	3.0%	99.4%	0.6%	100.0%
Northeast (Reg.3)	Number	412	26	438	0	438
	Percent	94.1%	5.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Northwest (Reg.4)	Number	664	49	713	0	713
	Percent	93.1%	6.9%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Reg.5)	Number	1,094	52	1,146	0	1,146
	Percent	95.5%	4.5%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Central (Reg.6)	Number	686	61	747	0	747
	Percent	91.8%	8.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Southwest (Reg.7)	Number	425	43	468	0	468
	Percent	90.8%	9.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
South Central (Reg.8)	Number	770	87	857	0	857
	Percent	89.8%	10.2%	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%
East Central (Reg.9)	Number	795	37	832	1	833
	Percent	95.4%	4.4%	99.9%	0.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Reg.10)	Number	508	46	554	1	555
	Percent	91.5%	8.3%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%
Grand Total (Statewide)	Number	7,707	508	8,215	16	8,231
	Percent	93.6%	6.2%	99.8%	0.2%	100.0%

\*Does not include children with meetings in ongoing status.

\*\* Other includes Special Purpose Center, Hospital, Residential Facility, and Service Provider Location.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Race

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Total % of Pop	4.75%	4.14%	3.77%	3.57%	3.37%	4.03%	3.75%	3.80%	4.21%	3.82%	3.92%
Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander*											
% of Pop.	4.40%	3.07%	1.18%	2.96%	1.53%	3.17%	3.43%	2.42%	3.81%	0.73%	2.97%
Black or African American**											
% of Pop.	5.40%	4.93%	3.49%	4.80%	3.67%	4.70%	3.59%	3.07%	4.71%	5.16%	4.55%
White											
% of Pop.	4.47%	3.71%	3.84%	3.41%	3.35%	3.97%	3.85%	3.94%	4.20%	3.64%	3.82%
Native American or Alaska Native											
% of Pop.	2.27%	4.26%	0.00%	0.57%	0.00%	0.75%	1.11%	0.42%	0.85%	0.00%	0.82%

\*Census data (2021 US Census Estimates) combines race categories Asian & Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander.

\*\*Children with two or more races are included in the Black percent of population.

### Active Children with IFSPs Compared to SPOE Population by Ethnicity

	Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	St. Louis County (Region 2)	Northeast (Region 3)	Northwest (Region 4)	Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	Central (Region 6)	Southwest (Region 7)	South Central (Region 8)	East Central (Region 9)	Southeast (Region 10)	State Total
Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	6.10%	4.07%	3.19%	3.64%	3.53%	5.71%	4.22%	4.43%	5.31%	4.40%	4.27%
NOT Hispanic/Latino											
% of Pop.	4.66%	4.15%	3.80%	3.56%	3.34%	3.91%	3.68%	3.76%	4.16%	3.79%	3.89%

### Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP, Last 12 Months

SPOE	Child Deceased	Completion of IFSP	Moved Out of State	Parent Withdrawn/ Withdrawn due to FCP	Pt B Elig in Process	Pt B Inelig Exit to Other/Pt B Inelig Exit w/o Ref	Pt B Ref Refused Parent	Transition to Part B	Unable to Contact/ Locate	Grand Total
Greater St. Louis (Region 1)	0.7%	1.7%	3.7%	11.8%	9.7%	10.6%	6.1%	46.8%	8.9%	100.0%
St. Louis County (Region 2)	0.1%	1.4%	4.4%	11.6%	3.0%	11.1%	6.8%	53.6%	8.1%	100.0%
Northeast (Region 3)	0.0%	0.3%	2.3%	14.8%	2.3%	15.1%	6.3%	54.3%	4.6%	100.0%
Northwest (Region 4)	0.2%	3.2%	4.3%	19.3%	1.9%	9.6%	4.1%	51.2%	6.2%	100.0%
Greater Kansas City (Region 5)	0.4%	2.2%	5.5%	11.7%	3.2%	9.4%	7.2%	52.0%	8.3%	100.0%
Central (Region 6)	0.6%	1.0%	5.0%	14.2%	2.4%	10.2%	9.0%	49.7%	7.8%	100.0%
Southwest (Region 7)	0.3%	8.7%	4.4%	19.5%	2.3%	8.2%	8.2%	41.3%	7.2%	100.0%
South Central (Region 8)	0.3%	3.3%	3.0%	18.0%	3.2%	9.0%	8.9%	46.2%	8.1%	100.0%
East Central (Region 9)	0.5%	2.1%	4.7%	16.5%	1.9%	12.3%	6.5%	50.5%	5.1%	100.0%
Southeast (Region 10)	0.2%	1.2%	1.7%	20.5%	4.5%	10.7%	8.1%	46.3%	6.8%	100.0%
Statewide %	0.3%	2.3%	4.1%	14.9%	3.6%	10.5%	7.1%	49.7%	7.4%	100.0%

Percentage = Inactivation Reason/Total for each SPOE

Inactivations by Reason-Children Who Had an IFSP can include multiple enrollment periods for one child.